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**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5 and 9-16 are pending in this application. Claims 2-4, 6 and 7-8 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The specification has been amended to correct two minor errors with respect to reference numerals.

The drawings stand objected to.

A Replacement Sheet of Drawings is submitted herewith. Three reference numerals in Figs. 3 and 4 have been corrected. Phantom line 52 has been added to Fig. 3 to show the different depth of compartment 1 as compared to compartments 2 and 3. The waterproof lining 50 has been designated in Fig. 4. In view of this, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Frandsen.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3. This amendment overcomes the rejection under Frandsen, as claim 3 was not rejected under Frandsen.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by either Pike or Feinberg.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8. This amendment overcomes the rejections under either Pike or Feinberg, as claim 8 was not rejected under either Pike or Feinberg.

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Claims 1-3, 5 and 9-15 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Weber.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8. This amendment overcomes the rejection under Weber, as claim 8 was not rejected under Weber.

As noted above, the amendments to claim 1 by the addition of the limitations of claims 2, 3 and 8 overcome the pending rejections of claim 1.

In addition, claim 1 has been amended to require that 1) the first and second compartments are positioned on opposite sides of the main body; 2) the third compartment is positioned on the same side of the main body as the second compartment; 3) the first compartment runs substantially a length of the case; 4) the second and third compartments combined run substantially the length of the case and 5) the case is a shooting case (i.e., for shooting/hunting).

All of these amendments substantially narrow claim 1 to an embodiment similar to the embodiment shown in the Figures. That is, the shooting case includes a main body and first, second and third compartments. The second and third compartments are on opposite sides of the main body from the first compartment. The first compartment runs substantially the length of the case. This maximizes the length of this compartment so that it will readily accept a rifle or shotgun.

On the other hand, the second and third compartments combined also run substantially the length of the case. This maximizes the storage capacity of these compartments combined. However, since neither the second or third compartments need to accept the length of a rifle or shotgun, that overall length of their side of the case can be split up into two separate and

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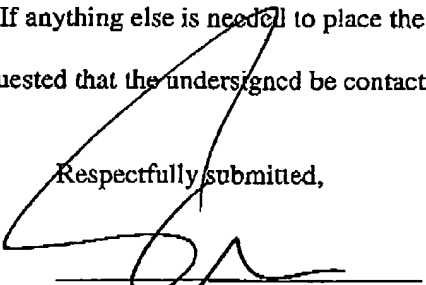
isolated compartments, one for boots and/or other wet or muddy clothes and one for clean clothes and/or other items. Since all of the compartments are isolated from one another, water, mud, oil, odors, etc. from one compartment do not contaminate the contents of the other compartments.

Such a configuration maximizes the efficiency of the case for a shooter/hunter. The case is configured to maximize length of a compartment where needed for a rifle or shotgun but not to do so on an opposite side of the case where not needed so that a more user friendly configuration is offered to the shooter/hunter, while at the same time maximizing total capacity of the case but in a configuration that falls with airline maximum size requirements for luggage.

None of the prior art, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests claim 1 as amended. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that claim 1 be indicated as allowable, as well as the remaining claims, all of which depend from claim 1.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice is respectfully requested. If anything else is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, it is kindly requested that the undersigned be contacted.

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